

(b) As per available information, the production of edible oils in the country during the last five years was as under:—

Year	Production of oilseeds (in lakh MTs)	Production of edible oils (net availability) (in lakh MTs)
1995-96	221.1	64.2
1996-97	243.8	70.9
1997-98	213.2	60.3
1998-99	252.1	70.8
1999-2000	211.8	62.2

Permanent seat for India in Security Council

*26. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) out of the five Permanent Members of the United Nations Security Council how many have directly or indirectly indicated their support for a permanent seat for India; and

(b) how many of the rest of the Members of the Council have pledged seat to India in the UNO permanently?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) Of the permanent members of the UN Security Council, Russia and France have consistently supported India's candidature for permanent membership of an expanded UN Security Council. France has stated that India is naturally destined to become a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council and that France supports and will support Indian candidature. Russia has stated that the Russian Federation considers India a strong and worthy candidate for a permanent membership seat in the Security Council should it be decided to enlarge the Council in both categories. A US official has expressed that "there is no question that India is a very strong contender for permanent membership of the

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Security Council. Its size, role in the world, its economy, its contribution to UN peace keeping, all these make it a very serious and strong contender". The Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary of the UK, during a visit to India, said that he sees "India as a natural contender for permanent membership of the UN Security Council".

(b) The composition of the ten non permanent members in the Security Council changes annually since five such members are elected every year by the General Assembly for a term of two years. Three out of the current ten non permanent members of the UN Security Council have indicated their support for India's candidature for permanent membership of the UN Security Council.

Social risk management system for calamities

***27. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH:** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a bid to protect the poor from calamities like earthquake, the World Bank has asked the South Asian countries including India, to put in place a social risk management system;

(b) if so, whether the World Bank has also suggested that Government should establish sound banking systems and non-inflationary policies to manage risks better;

(c) if so, whether Government have considered the views of the World Bank in this regard; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) This Ministry has not received any such proposal from the World Bank.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.